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In re application of: **Masato ITOH et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**
(PCT/JP01/01533)

Filed: **November 2, 2001**

For: **LINEAR MOTOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 2, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A linear motor as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the thickness of the magnetic sheets is a thickness of not more than half the pitch of the platen dots.

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) A linear motor as set forth in any one of claims 1 to ~~5~~ 3, characterized in that the thickness of the magnetic sheets is a thickness of not more than half the pitch of the platen dots.